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REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Specification. In the Non-Final Office Action, Examiner Steelman objected to the specification for its use of the trademark JAVA. The Applicant has amended the specification herein to obviate this objection to the specification. The Applicant has also amended the specification herein to correct typographical and format errors. No new matter was introduced by the amendments of the specification herein. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is therefore respectfully requested.

Drawings. In the Non-Final Office Action, Examiner Steelman objected to the drawings for various reasons. The Applicant has amended FIG. 2 as illustrated in the attached replacement drawing sheet 2/3 to obviate the objection to reference characters "42" and "44". No new matter was introduced by the amendment to the drawings. The Applicant respectfully asserts that step 52 as illustrated in FIG. 2 is mentioned on page 7, line 6 of the specification. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20. In the Non-Final Office Action, Examiner Steelman objected to and rejected pending claims 1-20 on various grounds. The Applicant responds to each objection and rejection as subsequently recited herein, and respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of the present application under 37 CFR § 1.112:

A. Examiner Steelman objected to claims 16-20.

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The Applicant has amended claims 16-20 herein to obviate this objection to claims 16-20. No new matter was introduced by the aforementioned amendments of claims 16-20. Withdrawal of the objection of claims 16-20 is therefore respectfully requested.

B. Examiner Steelman rejected claims 9-14 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being non statutory.

The Applicant has amended claim 9 herein to obviate this rejection to claims 9-14. No new matter was introduced by the aforementioned amendment of claim 9. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 9-14 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is therefore respectfully requested.

C. Examiner Steelman rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,317,509 to *Caldwell*

The Applicant has thoroughly considered Examiner Steelman's remarks concerning the patentability of claims 1-20 over *Caldwell*. The Applicant has also thoroughly read *Caldwell*. To warrant this §102(b) rejection of pending claims 1-20, *Caldwell* must show each and every limitation of independent claims 1, 9 and 15 in as complete detail as in contained in independent claims 1, 9 and 15. See, MPEP §2131. The Applicant respectfully traverses this §102(b) rejection of claims 1-20, because *Caldwell* fails to teach or suggest "the delimiter being selected from the group consisting of a single character delimiter and a multi-character delimiter" as recited in independent claims 1, 9 and 15.

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Specifically, *Caldwell* discloses a delimiter being selected from a group consisting of a single character delimiter having a single byte and a single character delimiter having multiple bytes, which are factored into single character delimiters having a single byte. See, *Caldwell* at column 6, lines 17-56. A proper understanding of *Caldwell* reveals that *Caldwell* fails to teach or suggest a delimiter being selected from a group consisting of a multi-character delimiter irrespective of the byte size of the delimiter.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-20 under §102(b) as being anticipated by *Caldwell* is therefore respectfully requested.

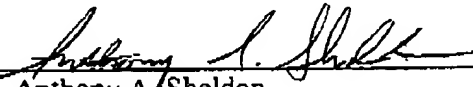
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CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-20 as listed herein fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§102, 103 and 112. In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application is respectfully requested.

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